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SUBJECT: VACANCY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION WHO

- 1. A D-2 POSITION. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, HAS BEEN UNFILLED SINCE AUGUST, UPON THE RETIREMENT OF MR TOMICHE. RECRUITMENT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE LAST DECEMBER. RECENTLY A CANADIAN APPLICANT WAS TURNED DOWN BY DG MAHLER, AND A CHINESE APPLICANT REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE POST WHEN OFFERED. SOURCES AT WHO INDICATE THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO SERIOUS CANDIDATES.
- 2. THIS POSITION IS PETENTIALLY VERY INFLUENTIAL IN THE WHO SECRETARIAT, SINCE INCUMBENT DEALS WITH DG, DDG AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS AND A DAILY BASIS. IT IS SAID THAT DG MAHLER IS NOT FULLY CONVINCED OF NECESSITY FOR OR USEFULNESS OF SUCH A POST. HE IS ALSO SAID TO BE RELUCTANT TO SELECT AN AMERICAN FOR THE POST. THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER AMERICAN (P-4) IN THE DIVISION.
- 3. SERIOUS APPLICANT MUST HAVE CONSIDERABLE HIGH LEVEL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, PREFERABLY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JOURNALISM AND ADMINISTRATION. THE JOB INCLUDES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FILM UNITS. HEALTH BACKGROUND DESIRABLE BUT APPARENTLY NOT ESSENTIAL. AS EXAMPLE OF QUALIFICATION OF APPLIACNTS, RECENTLY THE FOREIGN EDITOR OF THE GUARDIAN APPLIED FOR A P-T JOB IN THIS DIVISION. TWO P-5 JOBS ARE STILL VACANT IN THE DIVISION ALSO, BUT PROBABLY WON'T BE FILLED UNTIL THE D-2 POSITION IS FILLED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPTLY NAMES AND CV'S ON ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR THIS POST. VANDEN HEUVEL

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